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SUBJ: EC AID TO INDOCHINA

REF: THE HAGUE 1355

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1. BECAUSE OF MAJOR UNCERTAINTIES CONCERNING THE
CARRYING OUT OF THE CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENTS IN INDOCHINA,
USG HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH
OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS. IT HAS BEEN OUR INTENTION TO
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CONSULT IN DETAIL AS SOON AS SITUATION ON GROUND WAS CLEAR IN ORDER PROVIDE OTHER DONORS WITH OUR ESTIMATES OF REQUIREMENTS AND OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZATION AND SCOPE OF POSTWAR PROGRAMS AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS. USG HAS NEVER HAD A FIXED PLAN FOR POSTWAR PROGRAMS, BUT WE HAD INTENDED TO SUGGEST, WHERE FEASIBLE, FORMATION OF CONSULTATIVE OR COORDINATING GROUPS ALONG THE LINES OF INDONESIAN IGGL.

2. GOVERNMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM HAS MADE CLEAR IT WISHES TO DEAL ON BILATERAL BASIS AND WOULD AT LEAST FOR NEAR FUTURE REJECT ANY CONSORTIUM OR AID- COORDINATING MECHANISM. SITUATION IN CAMBODIA IS BY NO MEANS CLEAR, AND NEW GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO BE FORMED IN LAOS. AT THE SAME TIME SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS NOW STABLE ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY INCREASED AID FROM OTHERS, AND FUTURE IS CLEAR ENOUGH TO ALLOW FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WE THEREFORE PLAN DISCUSS THIS SITUATION DURING VISIT OF PRESIDENT THIEU AND PERHAPS SUGGEST THAT GVN INITIATE CALL FOR MEETING IN SAIGON OR ELSEWHERE OF PROSPECTIVE AID DONORS TO DISCUSS SCOPE AND ORGANIZATION OF POSTWAR PROGRAM. GVN HAS PREPARED FOUR- YEAR PLAN AND WE BELIEVE IT IS COMPETENT TO PRESENT A WELL PREPARED ANALYSIS OF ITS ECONOMY AND PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES AS TO PROBABLE RESPONSE OF EC GOVERNMENTS TO AN INVITATION BY THE GVN TO ATTEND SUCH A MEETING. SEVERAL OF THESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTIONS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ALL OF INDOCHINA, INCLUDING NORTH VIETNAM, AND THEREFORE, MIGHT HESITATE TO RESPOND TO GVN INVITATION UNTIL RELATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH NORTH VIETNAM OR SOME ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL DONORS, INCLUDING JAPAN AND NETHERLANDS, ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF MAKING OVERTURES TO AND DISCUSSING AID WITH NORTH VIETNAM; AND THAT U. S., THROUGH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, IS NOW IN PRCESS OF DISCUSSING AID. IT IS THEREFORE ARGUABLE THAT AID FROM OTHERS TO NORTH VIETNAM MAY WELL BE MOVING FASTER THAN AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM. WHILE NORTH VIETNAM HAS REJECTED MULTILATERAL OR COORDINATED ASSISTANCE, SOUTH VIETNAM HAS NOT. THEREFORE,
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SHOULD GVN INITIATE CALL FOR MEETING, WE SHOULD STRONGLY
RECOMMEND
THAT EC GOVERNMENTS ATTEND DONORS MEETING.

4. APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES REACTIONS THIS MESSAGE
SOONEST. PREFER TO AVOID DIRECT DISCUSSION WITH EC GOVERNMENTS
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